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McKinley, the Gold Standard and the Trusts.

Next Monday Congress convenes and the people will hear a message from McKinley. It will deal with the issues confronting the country by circumlocution and dodging. But one question will be squarely met; and that too, in a measure, may be dealt with by a play of words.

No difference what the President may say in his message, he is expected before his administration closes to help fasten forever the gold standard upon this country.

Hear a word from Henry Clews, the Wall Street banker, member of the New York Stock Exchange, New York Produce Exchange, New York Cotton Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade and what else we know not. Should not a man in such a position know what he was talking about? We believe he was speaking for the President the other day when he said:

"President McKinley is expected to come out clearly for the establishment of the gold standard in his annual message."

Mr. Clews was not the least solicitous upon this point, and at once branched off with these words:

"The only other question having an important bearing upon business will be the trust problem." He thought congress would not rush into any rash and hasty conclusions regarding trusts, for "whole sale repression would be seriously injure labor as capital," and as "fortunately prosperity prevails everywhere, Congress need not be forced into injurious extremes."

So there you have it—McKinley, the gold standard and the trusts. McKinley is "expected" to come out squarely for the one and to play with the other like he talked "international agreement" for silver in 1896; when in 1897 he softened the people by forcing them to pay a costly commission to go to Europe to help us to get rid of the gold standard!

No, McKinley wants the gold standard. He wants a law to make gold the legal tender for the payment of debts, public and private; a law which will create a greater demand for gold; and thus shall we continue aiding the money-making class and injuring the wealth-producing class.

He must deal lightly with the trust question, for "fortunately prosperity prevails every where," and there should be no hasty or rash conclusions.

McKinley, the gold standard and the trusts; that will be the Republican platform in 1900—if not clearly spoken, you can always read it plainly between the lines.

Yes we said it. That new railroad from the north to Mexico will be a fact in due time.

THE Democratic Central Committee of Saline county passed resolutions favoring a state primary.

REMEMBER, neighbor, that the MESSAGE is only one dollar per year. All the news, too, condensed and to the point.

POOR DREWY! He is at last beginning to have his troubles. He is disappointed to think that if the people could give him a house, he couldn't give it again if he chose.

THE Missouri Pacific railroad has no use for those it employs who frequent saloons or disobey orders. The road has employed "spotters" to kodak these fellows.

"No FOREIGN alliance; no trusts; no imperialism for the United States," with 16 to 1 added and an income tax would indeed

make a good Democratic platform for 1900.

THE MESSAGE has engaged to carry out the unexpired and pledged subscriptions of the Santa Fe Advertiser. We trust the MESSAGE will be enabled to so conduct itself as that all who get our paper under the arrangement with the Advertiser will be resolved to stay with us.

THE Illinois flag law has been declared at variance with the state constitution. The idea too sentimental and quixotic; that seems to have been the only ground of objection. Maybe the court had in mind too that the flag manufacturers are about to form a trust.

A STANCH friend of the MESSAGE at Laddonia writes us: "I am much pleased with the MESSAGE. A paper advocating the people's side of Democracy and not the self-appointed leaders' side was much needed and I earnestly hope you will abundantly succeed, both for your own sake and that of humanity."

WILLIAM A. CLARK, of Montana, the mining king, is charged with having purchased his seat in the United States Senate. Another argument for popular elections—from constable up to the Presidency. Let the people settle these matters; you can't buy all the people—even in a State Democratic primary.

A MESSAGE representative talked with two men on the streets of Mexico last Saturday who recently moved from Illinois and have made real estate purchases in this country. They were discussing taxes. One said that he had about the same amount of land he had in Illinois, but in that state he paid more than double the taxes. The men are both delighted with Missouri, and especially are they pleased with Audrain county.

REPRESENTATIVES of the American-English syndicate have been in the State of Montana all summer and fall traveling all over the large sheep raising sections, securing options on the best sheep ranches and best watered land for the purpose of consolidating them into one large company. Already options on nearly 500,000 head of sheep and 500,000 acres of the finest and most fertile sheep raising land in Montana have been obtained. Going into the trust.

Burned in his Bed.

PALMYRA, MO., Nov. 29.—Uncle May Scott, an aged negro, was burned to death in his cabin at an early hour this morning. It is supposed he overturned a lamp, which set fire to the bed-clothing, and being ill and feeble, was unable to help himself. The Fire Department responded promptly to the alarm, but it was some time before the flames could be checked and the cabin entered. The old man's arms and legs were burned completely from his body and his head was only a fleshless grinning skull.

Kansan's Preaching.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 26.—The people of Lebanon, Kan., and passengers of the Rock Island Railroad to-day saw a practical illustration of the proclaiming of God's word from the house-tops. The big grain elevator owned by the E. D. Hoyde, a devout Free Methodist, was yesterday decorated by sign painter with this Bible quotation: "Eternity—in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment. Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away. Fear God and keep his commandments. For the son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost."

These texts are in bright letters, and may be read for miles over the level plains. Mr. Hoyde is one of the wealthiest citizens of Lebanon, and is a member of the Town Council, and prominent in church and temperance work. Mr. Hoyde says a positive gospel tells, and he believes in disseminating it in every possible way.

Cigarette Smoking.

To the editor of the MESSAGE.
A little Mexico Sunday school girl two or three days since found it necessary to step off the sidewalk to give room for several small boys who were indulging in the smoking of cigarettes. They made several remarks concerning their bravado practice, among them this—"The best preacher in the world smokes cigarettes, so I can too."

We do not know in the boy's es-

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timation who was the best preacher in the world. Of course he only used the excuse that many older and more hardened people use in attempting to extenuate a wrong, but it behooves those who have influence to mould public opinion to be careful of the example they set before the young. Not only avoid evil but every appearance of evil. "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world stands." XXX.

Cabbage Rose for the Table.
A "cabbage rose" is a novel table decoration. A small, perfect cabbage with rather loose and curling leaves is chosen. This is placed in the center of the table surrounded with fine greens. Roses are then put in every opening of the cabbage leaves, which are close enough to hold the flowers upright. It may be necessary to cut a hole in the center of the top for a final cluster of buds and roses. The cabbage is mainly concealed, but where it appears its pale green is in pleasing contrast to the roses.

Clocks in Chaucer's Time.
Many clocks with weights and wheels were in use in England during Chaucer's time, and most of the monasteries of the fourteenth century possessed clocks, though these were used to show the astronomical movements, as well as the passage of hours. Throughout the fifteenth century, clocks were made mostly by armorers and blacksmiths, as they were constructed of iron and steel.

Explosive Force of Liquid Air.
It is asserted that liquid air has twenty times the explosive force of dynamite. During experiments at Vienna, in the firing of cannon, the liquid air was exploded by an electric spark, and the results were extremely satisfactory. No heat was developed in the guns, and the range of the projectiles was much increased.

Archaeological Piece of Ordnance.
One of the oldest cannon in existence has just been fished out of the bottom of the river Thames, near Twickenham. This archaic cannon is twenty-eight inches in length and about four and a half inches in diameter, being made of bars of iron, strengthened with hoops of the same metal welded together.

Biggest Railroad Builder.
Perhaps the greatest railroad builder in the world is David C. Shepard, St. Paul, Minn. Since 1852 he has built railroads in thirteen states and territories and in Canada. His greatest mileage for any state is 1,452 in Minnesota. The total number of miles laid by Mr. Shepard is 7,026.

In Eruption Since 1798.
The most active volcano in the world is Mt. Sangay, 17,190 feet, situated on the eastern chain of the Andes, South America. It has been in constant eruption since 1798.

Didn't Care to Be Known.
New England churchyards are a fertile field for those in search of curious epitaphs. A tombstone in Stowe bears this line, indicative of a reticence carried beyond the grave: "I was somebody—who, is no business of yours."

The Soap Mine in Ashcroft.
The so-called soap mine at Ashcroft, British Columbia, is really a lake containing water strongly impregnated with borax and soda. These have solidified on the bottom and sides, where the substance can be sawed out in blocks as if it were ice.

Stevenson's Rebuke to Crockett.
In the September installment of Robert Louis Stevenson's letters in Scribner's Magazine, the author of "The Master of Ballantrae" administers a just and vigorous rebuke to Samuel Rutherford Crockett for referring to Scotland as "N. B." It is in a postscript to a letter dated Saranac Lake, Spring, 1888, and runs as follows: "Don't put N. B. in your paper, put Scotland, and be done with it. Alas that I should be thus stabbed in the home of my friends! The name of my native land is not North Britain, whatever may be the name of yours.—R. L. S."

A Surgical Magnet.
The Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital in New York possesses a novel surgical instrument intended to extract particles of iron and steel from the eye. It consists of a powerful electro-magnet mounted on a stand running on casters. When an operation is to be performed one end of the magnet is cautiously brought near the patient's eye. If a piece of steel or iron is embedded in the eyeball, the patient experiences a sharp pain as the metallic silver forces its way through the tissues and flies to the magnet. The injury to the eye is said to be less than that caused by using a knife.

The Pope and the Powder.
Last year, when the pope was suffering from hoarseness, Dr. Laponni prescribed a powder, and advised the patient to curtail a discourse he was to deliver during the day. Leo XIII. pocketed the powder. As to the discourse, he did not omit a word of it. In vain did the doctor repeatedly clear his throat as a reminder to the pope to economize his strength. His hoarseness kept on, and even purposely raised his voice. After finishing his address he sent for Dr. Laponni, handed him the powder, and said, laughing: "Here, my dear doctor, take your powder yourself; you evidently need it more than I."

Pope's Automobile.
The pope has received from an English Catholic a present of a beautifully constructed motor car. This automobile is seated for two. As his holiness has not for three years taken a carriage exercise, it is improbable that he will ever use the motor car.

A Fitting Toast.
Lord Clyde, one day after dinner, asked a chaplain of one of the regiments in India for a toast, who, after considering for some time, at length exclaimed with great simplicity: "Alas! and slack-a-day! What can I give?" "Nothing better," replied his lordship. "Come, gentlemen, we'll give a bumper to the parson's toast. A lass and a lac a day." A lac means 100,000 rupees, or \$25,000, which is certainly an income to make one happy.

South American Saddle Horses.
The saddle horses in South America have a minding pace, which is very easy to the rider, and is said to have been acquired in the time of the conquistadors. During the early days in the colonies the caballeros decorated their horses with a great many trappings and often had sharp nails hanging to the saddles and the nets with which the animals were covered. To avoid contact with these the horses took short steps, which finally developed into the amble that is now so common.

Florida Phosphate rock.
Fernandina, Fla., is the largest shipping point in the world for phosphate rock. The rock, which is used as a fertilizer, was discovered in Florida in 1888. In 1890 the shipments from Fernandina amounted to 10,428 tons. Each year it has increased, until last year 195,000 tons were shipped from that port. This year it is expected that the shipments will reach 285,000 tons. All the phosphate rock shipped from Fernandina goes to foreign countries. The harbor of Fernandina is unsurpassed by that of any Florida port, the depth of water over the bar being twenty-two and one-half feet.

Old Laws Against Football.
People who are beginning to protest that roughness and brutality in football games should be prohibited, by legal enactment if necessary, can find plenty of encouragement in English history. As far back as the sixteenth century King James issued a royal mandate forbidding all "rough and violent exercises—such as football, meeter for laming than making able the users of it." Football in England is now in as bad a condition as baseball in this country. Every big town has its professional team, and the amateur interest in the sport has almost died out. It is no longer an athletic sport, but a gladiatorial contest on a purely financial basis. Consequently there is talk of reviving the old law of King James, or, at least, passing some modern modification of it.

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Order of Publication.
STATE OF MISSOURI, ss
County of Audrain.
In the Circuit Court, January Term, 1900.

J. H. Jennings, Plaintiff,
vs.
Lucy Jennings, Defendant.

Now, on this day, November 1st, 1899, comes the plaintiff by his attorney, and files with the clerk of this court, in vacation, his petition verified by affidavit, stating among other things, that the Defendant, Lucy Jennings, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and has absconded herself from her usual place of abode, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon her.

It is therefore ordered by the Clerk of this Court in vacation, that publication be made notifying her, the said defendant, that an action has been commenced against her by petition, in the Audrain County, Missouri, Circuit court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a Decree of Divorce from the bond of matrimony heretofore contracted between the Plaintiff and Defendant, and for such other and further orders as may be just and proper.

Now, therefore, you, said non resident Defendant, are hereby notified of the filing of this suit, and unless you be and appear at the next regular term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Mexico, county and state aforesaid, on the third Monday of January, 1900, and on or before the third day thereof Answer or otherwise plead to Plaintiff's petition the same will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the Mexico Missouri MESSAGE, a weekly newspaper published in the said county of Audrain and State of Missouri, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the commencement of the said next term of this court.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss
County of Audrain

I, J. C. BUCKNER, Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of the order of publication in the aforesaid cause as full as the same now remains of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal. Done at office in the city of Mexico, county and state aforesaid, this 1st day of November, A. D., 1899.

{SEAL} J. C. BUCKNER, Clerk.

By W. H. Morris, D. C.

Deed of Trust.

WHEREAS: Geo. Ann Whaley and her husband, Ennis W. Whaley, by their certain deed of trust dated September 24, 1892, and filed for record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Audrain county, Missouri, at the city of Mexico, on the 7th day of October, 1892, and recorded in Book 10, at page 528, of said records, conveyed to Joseph Offutt, trustee, the following described real estate situated in the county of Audrain and state of Missouri, to-wit: Lot two(2), situated in Block five(5), in the County Addition of Mexico, in trust to secure payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust described, and whereas said note is due and remains unpaid, now, therefore, under the terms and by authority of said deed of trust, and at the request of the legal holder of said note; I hereby give notice that I will, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1899, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the east front door of the Court House, in Mexico, Mo., sell said property at public vendue to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, to pay all expenses of executing this trust, also the note, interest, insurance premium or other charges, as provided by said deed of trust.

JOSEPH OFFUTT, Trustee.
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